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Committee Bill No. 140

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Referred to Committee on ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY

Introduced by:
(ET)

**AN ACT REQUIRING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES REGULATORY
AUTHORITY TO INITIATE A DOCKET REGARDING RATEPAYER
SAVINGS UNDER RENEWABLE ENERGY PROGRAMS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2015*) (a) The Public Utilities Regulatory
2 Authority shall initiate a docket to review and provide guidance
3 regarding: (1) Renewable energy programs pursuant to titles 16 and
4 16a of the general statutes, (2) the renewable portfolio standards
5 pursuant to section 16-245a of the general statutes, (3) long-term
6 contracts regarding zero emission generation projects pursuant to
7 section 16-244r of the general statutes, (4) zero emission generation
8 projects pursuant to section 16-244s of the general statutes, and (5)
9 power purchase contracts regarding low-emission generation projects
10 pursuant to section 16-244t of the general statutes.

11 (b) The authority shall, in the docket initiated pursuant to
12 subsection (a) of this section, review and determine: (1) Whether the
13 general statutes require public service companies to commit company
14 investment to duplicative renewable energy programs that are
15 indistinguishable in purpose and result, (2) whether the renewable

16 energy programs as required pursuant to titles 16 and 16a of the
 17 general statutes are effective in achieving ratepayer savings, (3)
 18 whether long-term contracts such as those required pursuant to section
 19 16-244r of the general statutes are causing high prices for ratepayers
 20 and electric distribution companies, and (4) the cost for a public service
 21 company to reach compliance under the renewable portfolio standards
 22 without the existence of the requirements mandated by sections 16-
 23 244r, 16-244s and 16-244t of the general statutes.

24 (c) Not later than July 1, 2016, the authority shall submit a report
 25 identifying its guidance pursuant to subsection (a) of this section and
 26 any recommendations concerning legislative changes necessary to
 27 ensure ratepayer savings to the joint standing committee of the
 28 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to energy and
 29 technology.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To require the Public Utilities Regulatory Authority to initiate a docket pertaining to ratepayer savings and renewable energy.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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